to September, 1991 was 1.3 per cent less than the consumption during the corresponding period of 1990.

(b) Productwise projections of demand are made by the oil companies taking into account various factors such as the ongoing trend in consumption, requirements tabled by user industries, field intelligence, discussion with various trade associations etc.

(c) No, Sr.

(d) Does not arise.

Domestic crude oil production

90. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state·

(a) the estimated domestic crude oil production likely to be achieved by the close of the year 1991;

(b) what are the targets set for the production of crude oil in the country during the next three years giving details year wise;

(c) what are the basis on which the crude production targets are based; and

(d) what is the likely percentage of decline in the crude imports in the event of achieving the projected targets of production?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The crude oil production was estimated to be 35.06 million tonnes during 1991-92, including 1 million tonnes of NGL. However, for various reasons, this is not likely to be achieved.

(b) The targets for the next three years are yet to be fixed.

(c) The targets are fixed on the basis of estimated production capacities of the two national oil companies, ONGC and OIL.

(d) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

Reduction in railway manpower

91. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the manpower in railway by almost 40 per cent;

(b) if so what are the details thereof stating the category of personnel proposed to be reduced and the percentage of reduction in each case;

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the manner in which the retrenched staff is proposed to be rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.
(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Prices of crude and petroleum products

92. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA·
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of rise in the prices of crude and petroleum products in the international market during the last six months and with the current trend, what is the anticipated rise in their prices by the close of the financial year 1991-92;

(b) what is the anticipated rise in the demand of crude and petroleum products by the end of 1991-92;

(c) what is the estimated quantity of crude and petroleum products likely to be imported to meet the demand during the current financial year; and

(d) by what percentage the budgetary provision for the import of crude